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NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN EITHER MELBOURNE OR SYDNEY IS THE SAME NO MATTER WHICH AIRLINE IS USED. EVERYONE GOES THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROCESSING- IMMIGRATION, HEALTH, ETC. WHEN PASSENGERS REACH THE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE THEORETICALLY DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES-AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND PASSPORT HOLDERS AND ALL OTHERS-THE TENDENCY IS FOR EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF PASSPORT TO QUEQUE WHERE THE LINE IS SHORTEST. ON OCCASION AUTHORITIES WILL CHECK ACTUAL TICKETS FOR VARIOUS TOURIST AND IMMIGRATION PURPOSES AND DO SO BY SEGREGATING QANTAS AND AIR NEW ZEALAND PASSENGERS FROM ALL OTHERS ON A SPECIFIC DAY WHICH IS USUALLY NOT THE SAME FOR BOTH GROUPS. IS IS THE EXPERIENCE OF TRAVELLERS AT THIS POST AND PERSONS WITH WHOM THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED THAT EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF AIRLINE USED, SHARES IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY FASHION THE JOYS OF THE WAIT OF VARYING INTERVALS TO CONNLUDE ARRIVAL FORMALITIES.

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